

companionship and assistance to frail elderly individuals and homebound seniors, deserve to be commended for their work;

Whereas the demand for these services outstrips the number of volunteers, and organizations are seeking to enlist more individuals in the United States in the volunteer effort;

Whereas companionship and assistance programs for seniors with long-term health needs offer many demonstrated benefits, such as: allowing frail elderly individuals to remain in their homes; enabling seniors to maintain independence for as long as possible; providing encouragement and friendship to lonely seniors; and providing relief to family caregivers;

Whereas regular visitation and assistance is the best way of assuring seniors that they have not been forgotten, and State and local recognition of regular visitation programs can call further attention to the importance of volunteering on an ongoing basis; and

Whereas a month dedicated to service for seniors and recognized across the United States will call attention to volunteer organizations serving seniors and provide a platform for recruitment efforts: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) designates September 2004 as “Service for Seniors Month”;

(2) recognizes the need for companionship and assistance with daily tasks among seniors with long-term health conditions throughout the year, and encourages the people of the United States to volunteer regularly with homebound frail elderly or at a nursing home or long-term care facility;

(3) encourages volunteer organizations that offer companionship and assistance to seniors to incorporate “Service for Seniors Month” in their recruitment efforts;

(4) encourages individuals in the United States to volunteer in these service organizations in order to give back to a generation that sacrificed so much; and

(5) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States and interested groups to observe “Service for Seniors Month” with appropriate ceremonies and activities that promote awareness of, and volunteer involvement service for, seniors with long-term health needs.

SUPPORTING THE GOALS AND IDEALS OF NATIONAL PURPLE HEART RECOGNITION DAY

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the Armed Services Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Con. Res. 112, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 112) supporting the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, the motion to reconsider be laid on the table with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (S. Con. Res. 112) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

The concurrent resolution, with its preamble, reads as follows:

S. CON. RES. 112

Whereas the Purple Heart is the oldest military decoration in the world in present use;

Whereas the Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to members of the Armed Forces who are wounded in conflict with an enemy force or are wounded while held by an enemy force as prisoners of war, and posthumously to the next of kin of members of the Armed Forces who are killed in conflict with an enemy force or who die of a wound received in conflict with an enemy force;

Whereas the Purple Heart was established on August 7, 1782, during the Revolutionary War, when General George Washington issued an order establishing the Honorary Badge of Distinction, otherwise known as the Badge of Military Merit;

Whereas the award of the Purple Heart ceased with the end of the Revolutionary War, but was revived in 1932, the 200th anniversary of George Washington's birth, out of respect for his memory and military achievements; and

Whereas National Purple Heart Recognition Day is a fitting tribute to George Washington and to the more than 1,535,000 recipients of the Purple Heart, approximately 550,000 of whom are still living: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate (the House of Representatives concurring), That Congress—

(1) supports the goals and ideals of National Purple Heart Recognition Day;

(2) encourages all people of the United States to learn about the history of the Purple Heart and to honor its recipients; and

(3) requests that the President issue a proclamation calling on the people of the United States to conduct appropriate ceremonies, activities, and programs to demonstrate support for people who have been awarded the Purple Heart.

HONORING THE MEMBERS OF THE ARMY MOTOR TRANSPORT BRIGADE WHO DURING WORLD WAR II SERVED IN THE TRUCKING OPERATION KNOWN AS THE RED BALL EXPRESS FOR THEIR SERVICE AND CONTRIBUTION TO THE ALLIED ADVANCE FOLLOWING THE D-DAY INVASION OF NORMANDY, FRANCE

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Armed Services Committee be discharged from further consideration of H. Con. Res. 439, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the concurrent resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 439) honoring the members of the Army Motor Transport Brigade who during World War II served in the trucking operation known as the Red Ball Express for their service and contribution to the Allied advance following the D-Day invasion of Normandy, France.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consideration of the concurrent resolution.

Mr. FRIST. I further ask unanimous consent the concurrent resolution be agreed to, the preamble be agreed to, and the motion to reconsider be laid on the table, all with no intervening action or debate, and any statements be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The concurrent resolution (H. Con. Res. 439) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

APPOINTMENT

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Chair, on behalf of the majority leader, after consultation with the ranking member of the Senate Committee on Finance, pursuant to Public Law 106-170, announces the appointment of the following individual to serve as a member of the Ticket to Work and Work Incentives Advisory Panel: Thomas P. Golden of Tennessee.

AUTHORIZING THE MAJORITY LEADER OR ASSISTANT MAJORITY LEADER AND THE SENIOR SENATOR FROM VIRGINIA TO SIGN DULY ENROLLED BILLS OR JOINT RESOLUTIONS

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that during the adjournment of the Senate, the majority leader or assistant majority leader and the senior Senator from Virginia be authorized to sign duly enrolled bills or joint resolutions.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORIZING COMMITTEES TO REPORT LEGISLATIVE AND EXECUTIVE MATTERS

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the Senate's adjournment, committees be authorized to report legislative and executive matters on Wednesday, August 25, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORIZING APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE PRO TEMPORE, AND THE MAJORITY AND MINORITY LEADERS

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the upcoming recess or adjournment of the Senate, the President of the Senate, The President pro tempore, and the majority and minority leaders be authorized to make appointments to commissions, committees, boards, conferences, or interparliamentary conferences authorized by law, by concurrent action of the two Houses, or by order of the Senate.